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April 24, 2009

US Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin
343 Quincy Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

Ref.: Pedestrian/Bicycle Underpass Belle Fourche

Dear US Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin:

I am writing this letter in support of securing funding for a pedestrian/bicycle underpass on US Highway 85 and Jackson St. in Belle Fourche, SD. This section of Highway 85 though town is schedule for reconstruction in 2010. The City of Belle Fourche has been working with SDDOT for many years on this project. We held public meetings and furnished to the DOT a report by the 5th Avenue /Highway 85 reconstruction committee in November 2003. In that report one of the items was a recommendation for a underpass or overpass at the Jackson Street intersection.

In January 2009 the SDDOT informed us that due to funding constraints that they were not able to fund construction of the pedestrian/bicycle underpass. The City of Belle Fourche in March again requested they install the underpass **due to safety**. See enclosed letter.

SDDOT has informed us the cost of an underpass would be the responsibility of City of Belle Fourche and they estimated the cost of the underpass with adjustment to utilities at \$444,000.

The Jackson Street intersection will be five lanes 11' wide lanes. This road is designed for over 10,000 vehicles per day with very heavy truck traffic. This intersection is also a crossing of a existing pedestrian/bike path connecting the largest City park with our Roundup Grounds, Rodeo, Ball Fields, and Soccer Fields recreational complex. There will be a lot of children crossing here.

Therefore we are requesting funding of \$444,000 for the Design and Construction of a Pedestrian/Bicycle Underpass on US Highway 85 and Jackson Street in Belle Fourche, SD.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



David E Schneider
Mayor, City of Belle Fourche